

## Letter of Agreement - Grampians Wave Soaring Areas - Abbreviated

**Pilot Briefing** The Grampians Soaring Club will ensure that pilots that may request a clearance are briefed on these procedures.

### VFR Operations within Grampians Wave Soaring Areas

VFR operations are permitted at any time within Class G and E Airspace (i.e. up to and including FL245 within the Grampians Wave Soaring Areas, outside 90NM from YMML). A clearance is not available for VFR operations in Class A Airspace without Civil Aviation Safety Authority approval under the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 99AA (3).

Gliders operating in the Grampians Wave Soaring Areas must comply with all applicable Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations. Where specific approval is required for particular operations, pilots must ensure that such approval is arranged or held by the Grampians Soaring Club. This Letter of Agreement does not obviate gaining such approval, nor grant exemption from compliance with any Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulation.

### Prior Notice of Intentions to conduct Wave Soaring

Notice of at least one hour prior to a request for a clearance must be given to Melbourne Centre via 127.4 MHz or 125.8 MHz or the contact telephone numbers below (as per AIP GEN 1.5 6.2.3(c)). Flight details will be obtained and planned into TAAATS.

### Clearances

When glider pilots consider conditions suitable for wave soaring above FL245, they must contact Melbourne Centre on 127.4 MHz requesting a clearance to operate within the desired Grampians Wave Soaring Area, as follows:

Over Mt. Difficult	Within 10nm of	37 00S 142 26E
Over Halls Gap	Within 10nm of	37 08S 142 31E
Over Mt. William	Within 10nm of	37 17S 142 36E
Over Mt. Nelson	Within 10nm of	37 24S 142 27E

e.g. "Melbourne Centre, glider ANO, will be requesting clearance to operate over Mt. William, up to flight level 270 after time XXXX."

Subject to traffic, gliders will be cleared to operate within the requested Grampians Wave Soaring Area. The level will be defined as a block clearance.

Gliders will be given traffic on other gliders operating within the area.

Separation will not be provided between gliders.

Gliders are required to monitor 127.4 MHz and operate on 30 minute reporting schedules.

Upon the completion of wave soaring, gliders will report leaving FL245 on descent.

Other traffic operating in Class A Airspace will have priority.

### Radio Fail Procedures

Gliders becoming aware that they have suffered a radio fail should, as soon as possible, leave FL245 on descent and land. They should continue to broadcast intentions, and when leaving FL245; prefixing calls with "Transmitting Blind".

After landing they are to report arrival to Melbourne Centre on the Melbourne Centre – ATC (Console) telephone number.

### Contacts

The following telephone numbers can be used as required:

Organisation	Telephone Number
Melbourne Centre – System Supervisor (First point of contact)	(03) 9235 7400
Melbourne Centre – Operations Supervisor	(03) 9235 7477
Grampians Soaring Club (First point of contact)	0428 558 746
Grampians Soaring Club	0427 169 885
Grampians Soaring Club (03) 5352 4240	

